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SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1881.

OUR LONDON LETTER.



The good news that Lord Beaconsfield was better was on Tuesday hailed with general satisfaction. I trust he will be convalescent ere another Number of this Journal is published. As with many other good men struck down by the insidious east winds of March, Lord Beaconsfield will necessarily be confined to his room till the mild weather comes. Meantime, the slashing attack delivered by Earl Cairns in the House of Lords against the Transvaal policy of the Government clearly enough showed that the ex-Lord Chancellor is, at any rate, ready and willing to take the reins of the Conservative Party from the hands of the Earl of Beaconsfield.

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"This is the eleventh time, and probably this will be the last time that it will be my duty to place before the House the annual statement of finances." So spoke Mr. Gladstone in the House of Commons on Monday towards the close of his masterly exposition of the financial condition of the Empire. But the earnest protests of "No! No!" which greeted this involuntary allusion to the weakness of age made it plain to the Prime Minister that a sympathetic House, grateful for the eloquent past and hopeful for the future, still reposed the utmost confidence in the right hon. gentleman as Chancellor of the Exchequer. As John Tenniel tersely puts it in this week's *Punch* cartoon, the Transvaal and Afghan Wars have absorbed the surplus which Mr. Gladstone would otherwise have had. But the Country will not be unmindful



of the groundwork laid for future economy in the paying off of millions of the National Debt, and in the prudent resolve to give England every opportunity for a year of prosperous trading before any sweeping alteration is made in our system of taxation. The main fact of Mr. Gladstone's Budget is that the Penny he had last year to put on the Income Tax is now taken off. We are all thankful for that small mercy; but yet look forward to the time when the vexatious impost shall be reduced to a nominal sum, and when we shall have John Bright's long-ago talked of "Free Breakfast Table." To return for one moment to Mr. Gladstone's Budget, perhaps the best appreciated passage in his speech—certainly the sentence which ruddy Mr. Bass must have relished the most—was the following:—

I must also refer to the case of those who are known as the Burton brewers, and to whom we are all indebted—(laughter, and "Hear, hear!")—for providing one of the best drinks ever produced, as far as I know, in this world—at all events since nectar passed out of fashion or became unattainable (Laughter).

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I have reason for wishing—as I do wish—success to the new journal for the young, *The Boys' Illustrated News*. Good friends of mine are on it. Judge the new venture from No. One—be transported by the magic pen of Captain Mayne Reid to "The Lost Mountain;" post yourself in sports and pastimes as they are touched upon in the best of taste by "Phil Holiday," one well qualified by his special knowledge to chat about the recreations of youth; renew the pleasures of boyhood in reading and laughing over Aglen Dowty's humorous "Adventures of Squee Biffen;" admire the clean printing of the first Issue by Messrs. Judd—and it will, at least, be allowed that the first illustrated newspaper published for boys is a liberal pennyworth.

PHILIP.

News in a Nutshell.

THE QUEEN AND THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The Queen's birthday is to be kept in the country on May 24 next; but it is officially notified that, in order to avoid interference with the business of Parliament on that day, it will be celebrated in London on Saturday, May 26.

Her Majesty passes Easter with Princess Beatrice at Osborne.

The Empress Eugénie on Monday concluded her visit to the Queen, and left Windsor Castle shortly after eleven o'clock on her return to Coombe Cottage, Kingston-on-Thames. Princess Beatrice accompanied the distinguished guest from the palace to the station. While at Windsor Castle the Empress Eugénie and her suite visited St. George's Chapel and inspected the site chosen within the Braye Chapel by the Queen for the erection of the proposed memorial to the late Prince Imperial.

The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh, attended by a numerous suite, left Brussels last Monday on their return from St. Petersburg, after assisting at the obsequies of the late Emperor Alexander II. Their Royal Highnesses on reaching the French coast crossed from Calais over a some-what rough sea to the Admiralty Pier, Dover, where

a special South-Eastern train, under the control of Mr. Myles Fenton, general manager, was waiting in readiness to convey them to the metropolis. Charing-cross station of the South-Eastern Railway was reached at eight, their Royal Highnesses being received upon the platform by Sir E. Watkin, M.P., chairman, and Mr. John Shaw, secretary of the South-Eastern Railway, who were in attendance at the terminus. The Prince of Wales drove immediately after his arrival to Marlborough House, the Duke of Edinburgh returning at the same time to Clarence House. On Tuesday the Prince held a Levée.

We are informed that the Princess of Wales and the Duchess of Edinburgh intend to stay a fortnight longer with the Emperor and Empress of Russia.

Lord Calville of Culross, who represented the Prince and Princess of Wales at the funeral of the late Queen Dowager of Denmark, has returned to London from Copenhagen.

Mr. Gladstone, on rising last Monday in the House of Commons to make the annual financial statement, was received with cheers. He stated that the gross revenue of the year just closed had amounted to £44,041,0 0, the Budget estimate being £82,691,000, but the gain was more apparent than real. The increase of revenue over the estimate was £1,345,000, but of that only £378,000 was derived from taxes. The right hon. gentleman went into an elaborate explanation of the operation of the new beer duty, and showed that it had on the whole been satisfactory, although the revenue had fallen short of the estimate from exceptional causes. He admitted the justice of the complaint made by private brewers, and proposed to make them an allowance of 6 per cent upon their materials, which was the same as the allowance to public brewers. Other slight ameliorations in the position of private brewers were also intended. The duty on foreign beer would also be reduced, the tax being fixed at 6s. 6d. The expenditure of the last year was less than the estimate by £700,000, and £1,000,000 less than the expenditure of 1879-80. The National Debt had been in the year reduced by £5,000,000, and the balance in the Exchequer had been increased by over £2,000,000, showing ostensibly a reduction of debt by over £7,000,000, after allowing for loans for public purposes. The estimated expenditure for the ensuing year being £84,705,000, there was an apparent surplus of £1,285,000, and he proposed to take off the extra penny on the income tax, which would leave him with a deficiency of £275,000. With respect to the taxes on foreign spirits, by changing the present rates of 2d. and 5d. to a uniform rate of 4d. there would be a gain to the Exchequer of £180,000. He could not grapple with the whole of the Probate and Succession Duties at once, but he hoped the present Parliament would do so. The great grievance of the probate and legacy duties was the great personal trouble they entailed, and therefore he proposed that where the gross effects did not exceed £300 the person inheriting should be able to apply to the nearest revenue office, through which probate would be obtained at a small cost. The result of his calculations would be that he estimated to have surplus of £300,000. That might be the last budget speech he might make in the House, but he trusted that the House and the country would appreciate his efforts, especially in doing an act of justice in restoring the penny income tax which he put on last year. Mr. Gladstone held the House for two hours, and was warmly cheered.

Lord Hartington, after having given some explanations as to the withdrawal from Candahar, stated on Monday last the Government would propose a vote of thanks to General Roberts and the troops engaged in Afghanistan since the Treaty of Gundamuk. Mr. Childers took an opportunity of reading a telegram from Sir Evelyn Wood to the effect that there was no foundation for the report that Pretoria had surrendered. Explanations were given with regard to the presence of British officers in Turkestan and the recent "pledge" of the Russian Government that they would not attack Merv.

Sir Frederick Roberts and his Staff left Cape Town, March 30, in the Trojan, for England. General Newdigate was to remain a fortnight longer.

Details of the siege of Potchefstroom show that there was much suffering among the garrison from dysentery.

The total loss among the garrison of Wakkerstroom during the investment of that place by the Boers was two killed and four wounded.

A correspondent writes:—"Having been a number of years a farmer in the Cape Colony, and having travelled over the Transvaal, I now take the liberty of informing you that I have gone on horseback between Newcastle and Potchefstroom in five days, and mule waggons easily go over the same distance in ten; and if the veldt is in good condition, ox waggons in twelve days. I should suggest, therefore, the question as to why a courier was not sent in advance to Potchefstroom."

In Basutoland, says the Cape Town correspondent of the *Standard*, matters are going on badly. The difficulty of the war increases. There is a strong feeling against the Government for re-arming the Colonial Kaffirs for the war, and promising them all the loot that is taken. The Ministry are unpopular with all sections, and it is probable that they will be beaten in the division on the Basuto war. With a new Ministry we may hope for some way out of the trouble into which Mr. Sprigg has recklessly plunged the colony.

The Ameer of Afghanistan has sent to take possession of Candahar. The force will probably arrive in that city on the 12th inst. The cavalry had reached Khelat-i-Ghilzai on March 29, and the infantry were two or three days behind. The evacuation of Candahar by General Hume's force will begin on or about next Monday.

News has reached Paris that the expedition of Colonel Flatters has been entirely destroyed by the natives of the Sahara. In Monday's sitting of the Chamber of Deputies General Farre gave information concerning recent events in Tunis, stating that an engagement had occurred in which the French troops lost four killed and six wounded. Under these circumstances the Minister of War announced that the Government had ordered the necessary action to be taken with all the vigour required by the situation.

The Customs Tariffs Bill was disposed of by the French Chamber on Saturday. It had been proposed that there should be an import duty on foreign cattle at 6f. per head, and the Senate had altered this to 30f.; but M. Tirard, Minister of Commerce, suggested a compromise of 15f. for oxen and 10f. for cows. This was adopted by the Chamber by 279 to 178. All the other amendments by the Senate were, however, rejected, and the measure was sent back to the Upper House.

The Channel Fleet, consisting of her Majesty's ships Minotaur, Achilles, Northumberland, and Salamis, arrived on April 1 at Gibraltar.

The English vessels which were detained at Constantinople have been allowed to proceed on their voyages without paying the life-boat service dues, the Porte having annulled the prohibitive order of the Turkish authorities. The Porte will, it is stated, send a note to Mr. Goschen with a view to settling the question for the future.

Nearly the whole town of Chio and many villages were destroyed on Sunday by earthquake, of which fresh shocks were felt on Monday. According to intelligence received by the Greek Government, the number of people killed and injured by the catastrophe is estimated at 3000.

The Ambassadors at Constantinople, having received information of the view taken by Greece of the last proposal of the Turkish Government, held a meeting to consider the question of fresh overtures to the Porte and the form in which they might be made.

A special correspondent at St. Petersburg says there is a tendency to make light of the new elected Council, upon which the Czar has conferred the power of vetoing all measures taken for the maintenance of order in the Russian capital. The composition of the Council, the correspondent thinks, is fairly representative of the opinions in the capital.

The trial of Risakoff, Jeliaboff, Michailoff, Hesse Helfmann, and Sophie Perowskaja has been finally fixed for the 7th inst.

The Russian police have arrested a man, named Nicolai Kibaltschitsch, the son of a priest, who has confessed to the manufacture of bombs similar to those used for the assassination of the late Emperor.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Morning Post* states that investigations into the extent of the Nihilist plot to assassinate the late Czar have revealed the fact that several officers of the Russian army are implicated in it.

Mr. Bradlaugh, in the course of an address in the Hall of Science, London, on Sunday, stated that if he was again returned for Northampton to the House of Commons he meant to sit there, and before the fight ended he meant to sweep away the oath entirely, so that every man and woman who objected to taking the oath under any circumstances, in any court, or in any place under any conditions, should have the right to affirm. The new election at Northampton is fixed for Saturday.

A vigorous contest is being carried on at St. Ives for the seat vacated by the death of Sir Charles Reed. Mr. Pendarves, the Liberal candidate, congratulated the electors on the conclusion of peace in South Africa. Mr. Ross, his opponent, is making foreign affairs his chief ground for attacking the Government.

The contest at Sunderland will be an interesting one. Mr. Alderman Storey, the leader of the party in the borough, will be the Liberal candidate. The Conservatives have selected Mr. Pearce, of the firm of Smith, Elder, and Co.

An attempt to serve legal process upon tenants on the estate of Mr. Ffrench, in the county of Mayo, on Saturday, was forcibly resisted, and a serious collision with the constabulary ensued, two men being shot dead, and others, it is feared, will die from their injuries. At a land demonstration in the county of Kilkenny on Sunday Mr. Dillon, M.P., alluded to this conflict, and said that four innocent men had been murdered by the minions of English law.

The Socialists of London held a meeting on Sunday to consider the *Freiheit* prosecution, and an edition of the paper was issued which contains a "manifesto" protesting against the "purloining of the property of a working man's society by her Majesty's Liberal Government," as a reversal of "the traditional policy of England in affording an asylum to political refugees, whether Royalist or Revolutionist."

Serious floods and gales have taken place in the south of Spain. The railway to Cadiz is much damaged in many places, and several bridges have been carried away. The loss of life is slight, but the destruction of property is considerable, especially in Seville. Fresh floods in Hungary are also reported in this week of disasters.

TERRIBLE EARTHQUAKE AT CHIO.

We regret to have to record another lamentable calamity. A severe shock of earthquake occurred last Sunday at Chio, by which nearly the whole town and many neighbouring villages were destroyed. A large number of the inhabitants have been killed or injured, and the remainder are now encamped for safety in the fields. During the panic following the earthquake the Eastern Telegraph Company's office was broken open and pillaged. Shocks were also felt the same day at Syra and Smyrna, but no damage was done.

Fresh shocks of earthquake occurred at Chio on Monday, and the inhabitants took refuge on board the steamers in the harbour. The Governor, Sadik Pasha, was not the last to leave the town.

THE ISLAND OF CHIO, SCIO, OR SKIO, for the name is thus variously spelt, is situated in the Ægean Sea, separated from the coast of Anatolia by a channel not more than seven miles wide where narrowest, and about fifty-three miles west of Smyrna. The island is the ancient Chios, and contends with many other places for the honour of having given birth to Homer, an excavation in the rock being pointed out as the place where the blind poet is said to have taught. At present it forms part of Asiatic Turkey. It is of somewhat quadrangular form, thirty-two miles long from north to south, with a mean breadth of about twelve miles, and an area of 296 geographical square miles. The population is between 60,000 and 70,000, of whom the larger proportion are Turks, the capital, also Chio, containing about one fourth of the whole number of the inhabitants. This town is situated near the middle of the east coast, and consists for the most part of houses built of hewn stone or brick, and generally with terraced roofs. It is defended by a castle. Having made themselves masters of the island in 1822, the Turks are said to have put 40,000 persons to the sword, often under circumstances of great cruelty, and to have reduced the population to 16,000.

The Young Earl of Durham ran horses at Durham on Monday.

Lady Burdett-Coutts and Mr. Burdett-Coutts-Bartlett arrived at No. 1, Stratton-street, from Dover on Monday evening.

Baroness Burdett-Coutts has restored the mutilated and long-neglected monument, now placed in the vestibule of Hackney parish church, of Lady Lucy Latimer, daughter of Henry, Earl of Worcester, and wife of the Right Hon. John Nevyle, Knight, Lord Latimer. The monument to this lady, who died on Feb. 23, 1582, and from whom the Baroness claims descent, used to be a conspicuous and much-admired object in the old Church of St. Augustine at Hackney, but was allowed to fall into decay.

Captain Jordan, in command of the Army forces, urged forbearance on behalf of the members thus seized, and undertook the responsibility of the proceedings of the Army.

An Imposing Military Spectacle was witnessed at Devonport on Saturday, on the occasion of the funeral of Adjutant Coleridge, who was killed by being thrown from his horse.

The First Basket of Trout of the season was captured at Lockleven, on April 1, by Mr. Aikman, from Glasgow. The weather was bitterly cold, and the number of trout captured was five, weighing 6lb.

Royal School of Art-Needlework.—Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, accompanied by Princess Victoria Mary of Teck, on Monday visited the Exhibition of Ancient Needlework, now being held at the Royal School of Art-Needlework, Exhibition-road, and spent a couple of hours inspecting the specimens of ancient embroidery collected there.

The enormous sale of Horniman's Pure Tea by some 4000 Agents (Chemists, &c.) at once testifies to the high approval it has realised for its combinedly strong, delicious, and invigorating qualities.—[Advt.]

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Our Illustrations.

BOAT-RACE DAY.

We shall have to be up with the lark—some boisterous spirits would construe it, "up *for* a lark"—on Friday morning, April 8, if we would catch a glimpse of the Oxford and Cambridge Boat-Race. Materfamilias blessed with riverside gardens from which "you can see the race splendidly, my dear Mr. Tittlebat"—and endowed with a plentiful crop of daughters, to boot—will even have to be stirring with the sparrows—to catch the worm she has set her eyes on for "Sweet Maria."

To put the matter more prosaically, let us give some notion of the earliness of the hour by quoting the edict of the Thames Conservancy Board:—

"At 7.30 a.m. the arches of Putney Bridge will be closed, and no steam-boats, tugs, barges, or other vessels will be permitted to pass up the river beyond that bridge until after the race is over. Small boats may pass under the bridge, close inshore, on the Surrey side; but the inshore arches on the Middlesex side will be closed at eight a.m."

"So early in the morning," indeed! What illicit means will be adopted to restore the warmth of refrigerated souls will be found indicated by the nimble pencil of a humorous observer. It is character-full scenes such as these which amply repay the student of human nature for the slight discomfort he may be put in order to reach the banks of the Thames at eight a.m. to view two eights flash past. This riparian panorama is surpassed in interest by no holiday gathering, the Derby itself not excepted. From start to finish, four miles and a half of humanity make themselves as jolly as they can, whether the race be rowed at half-past seven or at eight o'clock. The sight is one nobody should miss, for this crowding of about half a million of people of all ranks between Putney and Mortlake at so inconvenient an hour is a remarkable instance of the energy and determination with which we English set about our holidays.

Referring our readers to the columns of "Sports and Pastimes" for an estimate of the condition of the two crews, we need do no more here than append a list of

WINNERS OF THE UNIVERSITY BOAT-RACE.

Year.	Date.	Winner.	Won by
1829	June 10	Oxford	Easily
1836	June 17	Cam.	1 min.
1839	April 3	Cam.	1 min. 45 sec.
1840	April 15	Cam.	¾ of length
1841	April 14	Cam.	1 min. 4 sec.
1842	June 11	Oxford	13 sec.
1845	March 15	Cam.	20 sec.
1846	April 3	Cam.	Two lengths.
1849	March 23	Cam.	Easily
1849	Dec. 15	Oxford	Foul
1853	April 3	Oxford	27 sec.
1854	April 8	Oxford	Eleven strokes
1856	March 15	Cam.	Half a length
1857	April 4	† Oxford	30 sec.
1858	March 27	Cam.	22 sec.
1859	April 15	Oxford	Cambridge sank
1860	March 31	*b* Cam.	One length
1861	March 23	Oxford	48 sec.
1862	April 12	Oxford	30 sec.
1863	March 28	Oxford	43 sec.
1864	March 19	Oxford	26 sec.
1865	April 8	Oxford	Four lengths
1866	March 24	*a* Oxford	Two lengths
1867	April 13	*c* Oxford	Half a length
1868	April 4	Oxford	Three lengths
1869	March 17	‡ Oxford	Three lengths
1870	April 6	‡ Cam.	One length
1871	April 1	Cam.	¼ of a length
1872	March 23	§ Cam.	Two lengths
1873	March 29	‖ Cam.	Three lengths
1874	March 28	Cam.	Three lengths
1875	March 20	Oxford	30 sec.
1876	April 8	Cam.	Five lengths
1877	March 24	*d* Dead-heat	—
1878	April 13	*f* Oxford	37 sec.
1879	April 5	Cam.	3½ lengths
1880	March 22	*g* Oxford	3½ lengths

* The first University race was rowed in outriggers.

† The first race in which either University rowed in the present style of eights without keel; also the first time either rowed with round oars. Both used the same kind of oars and boats.

‡ Rowed on Wednesday. § Rowed in a snowstorm.

‖ Sliding seats for the first time used by both crews. *a* Started at 7.30 a.m. *b* Started at 8.29 a.m. *c* Started at 8h. 58m. 24 sec. a.m. *d* Started at 8h. 37m. 33 sec. *e* Course, Barker's Rail to Star and Garter, Putney. *f* The race this year started 370 feet above Putney Aqueduct, finishing 350 feet above the Ship at Mortlake—i.e., deducting twenty feet as the length of the moored boats from which the sterns of the racing craft are held at the start. *g* Postponed from Saturday, March 20, to Monday, March 22, on account of fog.

POPULAR SYMPATHY FOR LORD BEACONSFIELD.

One touch of illness makes the whole world kin! The deep sympathy felt by all classes for the Earl of Beaconsfield as he lay grievously ill in Curzon-street could hardly have been more forcibly illustrated than it was by the calls which Mr. Gladstone repeatedly made at the Mayfair dwelling to learn how his distinguished rival was progressing. Political differences were for the moment completely forgotten in anxious solicitude for the recovery of Lord Beaconsfield. A lively writer says of the Mayfair street to which so many anxious inquirers have directed their steps for the past fortnight that at one end stands the princely mansion of Mr. Leopold de Rothschild. At the other end of the thoroughfare Curzon-street crawls into a kind of *cul de sac*, but finally changes its mind and sneaks along one of the dirtiest and most dismally narrow passages to be found out of Constantinople, the city *par excellence* of cribbed, cabined, and unpleasant ways. Between the mansion and the miserable end of the street is seen a cheerful mixture of aristocratic houses, semi-palatial palaces, more or less out of repair, and common-looking offices. To give variety, a shop or two dealing in groceries and tobacco, with a public-house of severe exterior, has been kindly thrown



OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOAT-RACE: "PEELING" FOR THE START.

[SEE "SPORTS AND PASTIMES."]

in. Out of or about Curzon-street such highly celebrated localities as Half Moon-street, South Audley-street, and Clarges-street are to be found, and if the finder be sensible, and likes a pleasant neighbourhood to live in, also left. Here Lord Beaconsfield lived, in a residence as prim and bare-looking and angular as any which have been put up at the worst period of English architecture.

A solitary commissionaire stood at the sick statesman's door, a solitary policeman on the footpath, a solitary old lady with a broom stood at the crossing.

The relapse which Lord Beaconsfield underwent on Sunday, when it became known on Monday morning, caused great anxiety and alarm, and hundreds of persons assembled in Curzon-street to obtain the latest information relative to his condition. The attack of spasm from which he suffered on Sunday was quite unlooked for, and was of such a nature as to cause his attendants some fear. Dr. Kidd, who had been gone scarcely half an hour, was hastily re-summoned, and from noon of Sunday until ten o'clock on Monday morning he never left his patient. The unfavourable turn in Lord Beaconsfield's condition was a cause of great uneasiness to his medical advisers, and the various symptoms which manifested themselves were closely and keenly watched. The night up to three a.m. was a very anxious one, but at that hour a considerable improvement made itself apparent, and the patient became less restless, on the whole passing a quiet night. Dr. Quain joined Dr. Kidd before ten o'clock in the morning, and a consultation, in which a third member of the medical profession, Dr. Bruce, took part, was held. At 10.15 a.m. the following bulletin was issued:—

Lord Beaconsfield had rather a restless night till three a.m. Since then his Lordship has had some quiet sleep. Coughing and expectoration less troublesome, and his strength maintained.

Though the bulletin was more favourable than could have been anticipated considering all the circumstances, yet there was great uneasiness among Lord Beaconsfield's intimate friends, and renewed inquiries were made. A copy of the bulletin was at once forwarded to the Queen by Viscount Barrington, her Majesty being most desirous of being early apprised of any change in Lord Beaconsfield's condition. So severe has been the strain upon Dr. Kidd that it was found absolutely necessary that he should have rest, and last Monday night, therefore, Dr. Bruce was asked to stay up with Lord Beaconsfield. Sir Philip Rose and Viscount Barrington remained at the house all Monday morning, and Sir Stafford Northcote had a long interview with them. Dr. Bruce stayed throughout the day, and consulted with Dr. Kidd on the arrival of that gentleman about one o'clock. They agreed that the patient appeared to be comfortable, that he had passed a fairly good morning, and that his strength had in no way decreased. During the afternoon Dr. Quain paid a short visit to Lord Beaconsfield, and was well satisfied with his condition.

The condition of Lord Beaconsfield last Monday night was by no means so satisfactory as it had been during the day, and was such as to give great anxiety to his medical advisers, although they were hopeful that the fever symptoms which presented themselves might be overcome. Dr. Quain, Dr. Kidd, and Dr. Bruce visited him together at nine o'clock, and remained with him for fully an hour. They then retired in order to prepare their bulletin, but the issue of it was delayed until ten minutes to eleven in consequence of the arrival of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh in Curzon-street. Their Royal Highnesses took the earliest opportunity after their return from the Continent of making a personal call at Lord Beaconsfield's residence, arriving there at a quarter-past ten o'clock, whilst the doctors were in consultation. They were received by Viscount Barrington and Sir Philip Rose. They left at twenty minutes to eleven, having been furnished with a copy of the following bulletin, which was published ten minutes later:—

Lord Beaconsfield has passed a quiet day, free from spasmodic breathing. There is a slight increase of fever indicated by the state of the pulse and temperature.

Personal inquiries elicited the information on Tuesday morning that the development of gout had given his Lordship relief, and that the temperature, which had risen to a considerable height while it was suppressed, was again lower. Lord Beaconsfield on Tuesday morning was very cheerful, and took more interest in public affairs than he has shown for some days past. Amongst other things, he asked to see a copy of the morning's bulletin, which was given him to read. The bulletin was telegraphed to her Majesty, and messengers were also sent with copies to the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh, at Marlborough House and Clarence House respectively. As on former mornings, a special attendant was in waiting to convey the morning's intelligence to Mr. Gladstone.

CLOSE OF THE BOER WAR.

POTCHEFSTROOM SURRENDERED!

It was gall and wormwood for Englishmen to read that on the very day General Sir Evelyn Wood concluded peace with the Boers at Laing's Neck a British garrison in the Transvaal was compelled to surrender.

Yes! Twenty-four hours previous to the arrival of the first convoy dispatched to them under the terms of the armistice the Potchefstroom garrison surrendered—all provisions, with the exception of mealies, being exhausted. In consideration of the gallant defence made, the officers and soldiers were allowed to retain their flag and personal property. The officers also retained their arms. The guns and rifles were surrendered, but it was agreed that the ammunition should be handed to the President of the Free State for custody during the war.

The troops evacuated their position on March 23, marching out with the honours of war. They marched for Natal, viâ the Free State, undertaking not to serve again during the war. The guns and rifles will, of course, be returned to us.

We give a small view of Potchefstroom in time of peace, as well as the commemorative Illustration of the surrender of Colonel Winsloe.

We are glad to be able to add that a telegram from General Wood, dated Fort Amiel, April 2, says that the story of the Pretoria sortie was concocted probably south of the Vaal; nothing was known of it. On the other hand, it was reported:—"Captain Sanctuary, Pretoria, Carbineers, Briory, R.A. Cowie, 21st Fusiliers, died of wounds."

GALLANT DEFENCE OF STANDERTON.

Major Montague, of the 94th Foot, commanding at Standerton, made an admirable defence there with 350 regulars and 75 civilians. Six small forts were built, and the houses in the line of fire were pulled down. After a skirmish, in which two civilians and two soldiers were killed, the Boers invested the town building, schanses forming a laager, from which position, overlooking the town, they kept up a harassing fire at long ranges. Their numbers varied from 500 to 600. The garrison latterly was short of rations, but could have held out until the end of April. The Dutch church, which was mined and connected by wire with the camp, was latterly used as a hospital, while the only hotel was converted into a stronghold.

THE POSITION OF THE LOYALIST BOERS

in the Transvaal is so anomalous and unexampled that attention may well be called thereto. England annexed the country by an arbitrary exercise of her authority. Her representatives, Sir Theophilus Shepstone, Sir Bartle Frere, and Sir Garnet Wolseley, again and again repeated the assurances of her Ministers that her rule could never be withdrawn. On the strength of these promises and voluntary declarations men invested their capital, bought property, opened stores, and erected buildings. At the outset of the war some left the country rather than take part in such a struggle, but many of them remained; and they are now threatened with confiscation, in one case with loss of life, simply because they trusted too fondly in the good faith and integrity of the Imperial action.

The feeling among the colonists is said to be that British influence has received a fatal blow. At a refugee meeting at Newcastle a memorial to Lord Kimberley was adopted unanimously. It commenced by drawing attention to the state of the country prior to the annexation, pointed out that a great influx of capital now irrecoverable took place on the guarantees of British statesmen, and spoke of the disgrace to the Army and the nation entailed by the course now adopted. A copy of the petition is to be sent to other towns. The Boer commanders at Middelsburg are said to ignore Mr. Joubert and the conditions of peace, and they warn the refugees against returning.

Advertise if you would increase your trade; but advertise judiciously. Of course, the advisability of advertising in the widely-circulated Journal speaks for itself. But those who would venture into broader fields should consult the Newspaper Directories of May, of Mitchell; or of Clarke, Son, and Platt, who have issued the latest of these guides.

Floriline.—For the Teeth and Breath. The best liquid dentifrice in the world. It thoroughly cleanses partially-decayed teeth from all parasites or living "animalculæ," leaving them pearly white, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. Price 2s. 6d. per Bottle. The Fragrant Floriline removes instantly all odours arising from a foul stomach or tobacco smoke, being partly composed of honey, soda, and extracts of sweet herbs and plants. It is delicious to the taste, and harmless as sherry. Sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere.—[Advt.]

Advice to Mothers.—Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once; it produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the pain, and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It is perfectly harmless, and very pleasant to taste. It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Sold by all Chemists, at 1s. 1½d. per Bottle.—[Advt.]

The Playgoer.



Up for the Boat-Race? Don't forget to drop in, then, to the Adelphi or Princess's, if sensational melodrama be your favourite fare. Brilliant spectacle will, at any rate, gratify the eye at the Adelphi whilst "Michael Strogoff" pursues his spasmodic career, and Mr. Byron and Mr. Irish provoke laughter as the English and French correspondents. Mr. Henry Neville, quitting the Adelphi for the Princess's, appeared on Saturday as the hero of one of these considerably above "Proof" plays he delights in: "Branded," by name. Henry Neville's admirers will like his Roland Lacroix for the sake of this admirable actor's manly demeanour. As his wife, Miss Caroline Hill strengthened the play of "Branded," which brims over with startling episodes.

I know of a stirring drama which would have made a far greater "hit" at the Princess's than Mr. Richard Lee's "Branded" has—that is, if effective development of character along with strong situations have now any charms for managers. But this will not interest the Boat-Race visitor, whom I strongly advise not to omit to see Mrs. Kendal in "The Money-Spinner" at the St. James's; Coghlan and Co. in "The Colonel" at the Prince of Wales's; Florence St. John as Olivette; John Hollingshead's attractive bill at the Gaiety; and the new programme at the Alhambra, where the astonishing Palladino is now the star.

STAGE AND ORCHESTRA GOSSIP.

Handel's Oratorio, "Samson," will be performed at St. James's Hall on Friday night. Miss Annie Marriott, Madame Patey, Messrs. Joseph Maas, W. Wells, F. King, and Bridson are the vocalists, and Sir Michael Costa will conduct the performance of the Sacred Harmonic Society.

The Carl Rosa Opera Company entered upon a six nights' engagement at the Birmingham Theatre Royal on Monday evening. The operas announced were the "Mignon" of Ambroise Thomas; "The Cadi," by the same composer; Balfe's "Bohemian Girl;" "I Promessi Sposi" of Cagnoni; "Manzoni;" "Maritana."

A Brief Holiday, and a well-earned one, too, will be enjoyed by the Carl Rosa Company after this Birmingham engagement.

The Crystal Palace Management will on Good Friday offer the usual Sacred Concert, Mr. Sims Reeves, Aynsley Cook, Edward Lloyd, Signor Foli, and Madame Patey being the leading vocalists.

Easter Monday will see a new extravaganza and a host of holiday entertainments produced at the Sydenham Palace.

The Alexandra Palace Campaign, to be conducted with spirit by MM. Jones and Barber, will be commenced with renewed vigour at Easter. Good luck to the plucky young entrepreneurs!

Mr. Howard Paul is the right man in the right place at the Alhambra. He is bound to keep the ball merrily rolling.

Mr. George R. Sims's first burlesque, "The Corsican Brothers in the Wood," produced at the Royalty, Glasgow, by Mr. Alfred Hemming's "Crutch and Toothpick" Company, has met with unanimous success, the wit and humour of the author giving particular pungency to the funny situations of this parody. The reception of this screamingly comic burlesque by the canny Glasgie folk goes far to refute the truth of the "surgical operation" proverb with regard to a Scotchman's head.

But wait till "Mother-in-Law" comes out! Mr. Sims bids fair to score in this new comedy better than he has done yet on the stage.

You must run down to the Alexandra, Liverpool, if you would listen to the gay ringing of "Les Cloches de Corneville."

Barry Sullivan at the Prince's, Manchester! We *must* pack up a portmanteau and run down to see the veteran!

Zephyrs from the Wings.

It is Miss Braddon's intention to relinquish for the present her novel-writing, and appear before the public as a playwright. Whether this will prove more remunerative, remains to be seen. As it is, she has realised a very handsome fortune. Mrs. Maxwell is, indeed, rather a big gun in Richmond, on the banks of the Thames.

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I hear Mr. H. Pettitt has finished the piece he was commissioned to write for the Hanlon-Lees. It was originally the intention of these clever acrobatic comedians to produce it in London themselves: but finding their American arrangements prevented them, the piece will be brought to light at a West-End theatre in their absence.

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Miss Petrelli has thrown up her part in Gilbert and Sullivan's new æsthetic opera. She may be right in doing so; but it is rather singular that some of our most celebrated actors have been brought into notoriety by playing parts which they held in utter detestation. For instance, had the late Mr. Sothern had his way, he would never have played Lord Dundreary.

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I would advise all who wish to be thoroughly entertained to go and see the latest success, "Jeanne, Jeannette, and Jeanneton," at the Alhambra. The music is charming, the dresses are beautiful, and the mounting is magnificent. The acting, too, is good all round.

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Madame Dolaro appeared the other night in a new production in New York, U.S., but with what success I have not yet heard.

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I hear Mr. Charles Groves, the clever actor who recently played the Alderman in George R. Sims's "Crutch and Toothpick" at the Royalty, is shortly expected from America, where, you will be pleased to learn, he was very successful.

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"Branded" is not a success, at the Princess's, in spite of Sanger's horses parading the streets. When I saw them first it took me back to the old fair days.

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At Easter, "The Lady of Lyons" will be produced at the St. James's, with the following cast:—Pauline, Mrs. Kendal; Madame Deschappelles, Mrs. Gaston Murray; Widow Melnotte, Miss Louise Moodie; Claude, Mr. Kendal; Beauseant, Mr. Wenman; Damas, Mr. Hare; Glavis, Mr. Mackintosh; Landlord, Mr. Denny. ARIEL.

A PORTRAIT OF ALEXANDER III.

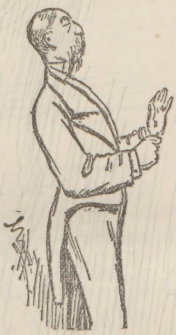
The last number of the *Revue Politique et Littéraire* of Paris contains a remarkable article, said to be from the pen of a Russian gentleman, highly distinguished both in literature and politics. The writer gives what seems to be a carefully-studied portrait of the new Czar of all the Russias, Alexander III. It is evidently the work of a friend, and every line is coloured by Russian patriotism, but it nevertheless contains some striking observations, and perhaps corrects a few misconceptions with regard to the young Czar. This authoritative personage says:—

"Alexander III. possesses many of those powerful qualities which make, if not great, at least good and true Sovereigns. Every man is born with certain aptitudes for a special profession. This Prince seems born with Royal qualifications for the possession of power. He is in the prime of life, healthy in body and mind, of princely aspect, and majestic manners. His character is calm, full of reflection, energetic and well balanced. The dominant note in this character, the quality which, so to speak, envelops all the others, is honesty, a scrupulous absolute honesty, without compromise and without *mélange*.

"Alone of all his race, perhaps, he is chaste; and he has always been so. He has often manifested, in his own family, his profound repugnance to irregular conduct. Those who were brought up beside him affirm that, as a child, he never told a lie, and he carried so far his scruples of frankness that, at the moment of marrying, for political reasons, the lady who had been engaged to his brother, he did not conceal from her that he loved another lady, the Princess M., who became subsequently the wife of the rich and celebrated Mr. D. This confession, for that matter, had its echo, because his bride did not conceal from him that she had passionately loved his brother. Nevertheless, they have created a model household, surprising in concord and persevering affection."

Chat of the Gossips.

["What the *World* says."]



Herr Most.

Before the Court last week Most appeared to have lost all his old fire, and, indeed, was evidently but the shadow of the man who had so brilliantly defended himself before the Berlin Appell-gericht. In the Clerkenwell House of Detention he is now making his acquaintance, for the first time, with the interior of an English prison.

It was the upper part of a house near the end of Great Titchfield-street that served for some months as publishing and printing office of *Freiheit*, and as residence for its editor, Herr Most. Editor, however, is scarcely a comprehensive enough word to describe his varied functions; for there is nothing connected with the little sheet—from writing the leaders to setting the types, turning off the paper, or receiving the threehalfpence charged for it—that seems above or below his dignity as he sits at the table in the "first-floor front," surrounded with all the necessaries of a weekly journal of very limited circulation. He has never shrouded himself in mystery of any sort, but has been ready to talk to inquirers and give all information regarding his doctrines; speaking, if necessary, hesitatingly and imperfectly in English, but always breaking off into fluent and vigorous German when he finds that understood.

The Germans are so busy in hating the Jews for their self-seeking and rapacity, that they have no time to reflect whether they may not have given similar ground of offence to some of their neighbours, and notably to the people of this country.

Lord Beaconsfield only lacks four years of fourscore; and since he has been out of office he has led the life which taxes in no light manner the endurance of men who are his juniors by several decades. He has enjoyed himself no doubt; nor has there been any more interesting spectacle than that of the Conservative leader pleasantly parading his epicurean indifference to political defeat at the dinner-tables of the Amphitryons whom he retains. English society has never had such a study as Lord Beaconsfield has afforded it, with a few interruptions, during the last few months.

The pleasure of having among us, at his ease, the most remarkable man of his time, the most epigrammatic and most piquantly sententious of conversationalists, the most adroit of courtiers, has been one of the compensations for his overthrow in the constituencies last year. Lord Beaconsfield has been as delighted as society; and a malignant fortune, co-operating with an ungenial atmosphere, is now extorting from him the penalty. His illness is a sharp admonition that he must be more circumspect in the future; and that a man, when he is approaching to eighty, must be "studiously thrifty of violent delights."

One of the immediate political consequences of Lord Beaconsfield's illness is the keen competition which has set in between Lord Salisbury and Lord Cairns. The speech which Lord Cairns delivered in the House of Lords on Thursday week was not only masterly and opportune, but was a direct bid for the future leadership of the Conservative party. Lord Salisbury must have endured tortures as he watched the gradual stages of Lord Cairns' brilliant success.

The Queen, on hearing of the serious illness of the Earl of Beaconsfield, expressed her intention of going in person to see him, and only relinquished this intention at the request of his medical advisers, who feared that the excitement caused by so signal a mark of the Queen's regard might be too much for the noble patient in his present weak state. I learn further that this gracious intention of the Queen has only been deferred, and not altogether abandoned.

The interview between the Queen and the Empress of Austria appears to have been of very short duration; but, seeing how little these illustrious ladies have in common, it was probably quite long enough for both.

The Prince of Wales will pass the Easter recess at Sandringham, for which a number of distinguished persons have already received invitations.

Nothing could be more lugubrious than the last Drawing-room. Black, jet-black, was the only wear, save for débutantes and brides. Three of the latter deserve mention—Mrs. Leopold Rothschild, Mrs. Gordon Ives, and Mrs. Royle. But even these were eclipsed by Mrs. Cornwallis West in a black silk costume, with leaves of violets drawn across the train, and holding in her hand a gigantic bouquet of white lilies.

Prettiest among the married ladies at the Drawingroom were, I hear, Mrs. Royle, wife of Prince Leopold's medical adviser, and the Hon. Mrs. Roche. Of the débutantes Lady Hermione Duncombe, Lady Feversham's daughter, was universally acknowledged the belle. So lovely a face is rarely seen. When she appeared the next night at Lady Mexborough's ball there was an absolute "sensation" among the guests.

No risk can, however, be run in publishing the news of a contemplated alliance between the Earl of Desart and Miss Bischoffsheim, the eldest daughter of the well-known financier.

I hear that Miss Bischoffsheim is to receive a dowry of £125,000 down, and as much more when her father dies. This sets at rest the long-vexed question as to whether Mr. Bischoffsheim could still be ranked among the financial magnates of the City world.

Tennyson's "crown" edition has already reached its hundred and twelfth thousand.

The sudden death on Wednesday night of Mrs. B. H. Buxton, the author of many pleasing stories, will cause deep regret to her numerous friends.

Sir Frederick Leighton's studio was a scene of crush on Sunday, which was of course to be expected; and it was natural that everyone should explore the Arab hall, and feel the tiles, and contemplate the Japanese fish in the fountain.

Mrs. Butler's "Charge of the Scots Greys at Waterloo" will be shortly exhibited at the Egyptian Hall, Piccadilly, while her "Rorke's Drift" will be at the Academy, by permission of the Queen, its owner.

The Royal Panorama, or rather its shareholders, expect to make a large sum with it. The Banque de l'Union Départementale is at the head of it, and the capital is two millions. The five hundred franc shares are quoted at eight hundred; and, adds the jaunty jackal from whom I borrow these statistics, they are certain to reach fifteen hundred francs.

Sir Julius Benedict leaves next week for Hamburg, there to conduct his oratorio, St. Cecilia, which is announced for performance on Good Friday.

Many young ladies of position appear to have been beguiled into more or less complicity with the Nihilist party. It is said that an intimate friend of the Duchess of Edinburgh, a young lady who only the other day was one of the party who officially received the Duchess on her arrival in St. Petersburg, has since, under the pangs of remorse, confessed to a very close acquaintance with Nihilist leaders and their doings.

The disciples of Nihilism professedly despise both the marriage tie and all those delicate sentiments which customarily characterise the relations between the sexes. Sophy Perovsky, though delicately nurtured and brought up in refined society, was living as Hartmann's wife when she gave the signal for the attempt to blow up the Imperial train at Moscow. She returned but recently from abroad, to take an active part in the late plot; and on arrival immediately joined Jeliaboff, the chief conspirator, and lived with him as his wife till the moment of his arrest.

An unprecedented *coup* was effected by a Herr Schneider at Monte Carlo last week. He won no less than twenty-two maximums (£10,560) in one deal of the cards at *trente et quarante*.

Last week saw the destruction by fire of the Blue Posts, in Cork-street, so well known to the modern generation of *petits creves*, and to the loungers of the Burlington Arcade, but round whose charred columns are twined many memories and traditions of a bygone age. Celebrated for the excellence of its plain *cuisine*, and for the soundness of its port, the snug little room up stairs was the frequent resort of Charles Dickens, Thackeray, Douglas Jerrold, and other kindred spirits. The *menu* was limited, and generally consisted of codfish and oyster-sauce and rump-steak, '34 port, and excellent gin-punch—"a feast of reason and a flow of soul" which more than made the *amende* for the simplicity of the fare. The walls are now gutted, and but few regrets are bestowed on the ruin.

The opening performance at Her Majesty's Theatre on May 7 will be "Faust," with Madame Nilsson and Mr. Maas.

Mr. Justice Kay, the new Judge of the Chancery Division, was received on Monday morning by an over-crowded audience in the courtlately occupied by Sir Richard Malins. Just before the new Judge made his appearance one stuff-gownsman said to another, "Come to worship the rising sun!" "No," said brother briefless, standing by; "you mean the coming K."

Dr. Bernays on Cocoa.—"What are we to say to Cocoas containing only twelve to twenty per cent of Cocoa? A thin drink of genuine Cocoa would be both wholesomer and cheaper than when thickened." Cadbury's Essence is genuine and cheaper in use.—[Advt.]

Valuable Discovery for the Hair.—If your hair is turning grey, or white, or falling off, use "The Mexican Hair Renewer," for it will positively restore in every case grey or white hair to its original colour, without leaving the disagreeable smell of most "restorers." It makes the hair charmingly beautiful, as well as promoting its growth on bald spots where the glands are not decayed. "The Mexican Hair Renewer" is sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere at 3s. 6d. per Bottle.—[Advt.]

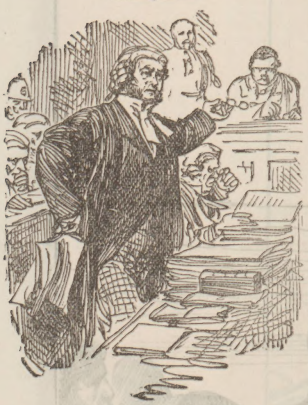


THE LAST ACT OF THE TRANSVAAL WAR: SURRENDER OF POTCHEFSTROOM AND MARCH OUT OF THE BRITISH GARRISON.



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Law and Crime.



LONDON'S NEW POLICE TEMPLE.

BOW-STREET

at last has a Police Court not unworthy the Metropolis. We present a view of the exterior of the new building, which was formally opened on Monday last.

The new Bow-street Police Court faces the grand Opera House wherein Adelina Patti exchanges her sweet notes for bank-notes during the London Season. The new building is, accordingly, situated a little higher up the once fashionable avenue which preceded Bond-street as the haunt of all who pretended to know and to be known. An epilogue by Dryden, spoken by Mrs. Bracegirdle, begins—

"I've had, to-day, a dozen billet-doux, From fops, and wits, and cits, and Bow-street beaux."

In a note on this passage Sir Walter Scott says, "With a slight alteration in spelling, a modern poet would have written Bond-street beaux. A billet-doux from Bow-street would now be more alarming than flattering."

Mrs. Bracegirdle spoke this epilogue at Drury-lane, before the rival theatre was in existence. Bow-street was full of substantial houses; and the carved doorways that lingered till lately in Martlet's court showed that fashion ran from its main current into side streams in those days. Wycherley was lodging in this street when he had his fever, and was visited, when recovering from it, by King Charles II. Will's coffee-house, the resort of the Tory party, was in Bow-street, at the western corner; and therefore on the side opposite that where the new police court stands.

This new and ample building is situated partly in Bow-street and partly in Broad-court, the public entrance being at the corner. All the approaches to the justice-chamber are convenient and spacious; the court itself, which is supplemented by one up stairs, to be used when required, being about twice the size of the old court, which was abandoned last Saturday.

Light, space, ventilation, and general comfort are all in favour of the new court; but its acoustical property is doubtful. There is a reverberation almost amounting to a distinct echo; and the mere closing of a door sends a peal of tremulous noise rolling about the broad oblong interior. Sounding-boards will be found necessary, if it be desirable that all the proceedings shall reach the ears of persons in the body of the court. The architectural adornment is not imposing; and, plain as it is, it might be yet plainer and at the same time more effective. A high dado of glazed tiles ensures cleanliness, and the walls above are uniformly coloured with a pale tertiary tint.

MAKING THE "MOST" OF IT AT BOW-STREET.

Mr. Samuel Bennett, the *Radical* barrister, had the honour of virtually inaugurating the new Bow-street Police Court. An application was made by him to Sir James Ingham, at the Bow-street Police Court on Monday, to admit to bail Herr Most, now in custody on the charge of inciting to murder. The magistrate, who spoke strongly against the atrocious character of the article in the *Freiheit* on which the prosecution was founded, said he should decline the responsibility of admitting the prisoner to bail.

MR. BRADLAUGH.

The late junior member for Northampton, Mr. Charles Bradlaugh, is now soliciting re-election. The Court of Appeal on the last day of March decided that Mr. Clarke, in the action which he brought against Mr. Bradlaugh for having contravened the Act in the manner indicated was perfectly entitled to sue; and that, by not having taken and subscribed the oath before taking his seat and voting in Parliament, Mr. Bradlaugh had incurred the penalty to recover which the action had been raised. The Judges held that the statement of defence was altogether bad, and that judgment must be given for the plaintiff, with the costs of the appeal.

Mr. Bradlaugh: My Lords, I have to ask for a stay of execution in order to allow of an appeal; and I undertake that the delay shall not be used for the purpose of sitting or voting in the House.—Lord Justice Bramwell: You only want a stay of execution as to the costs.—Sir H. Giffard: Execution will not be put in if the appeal be prosecuted with reasonable dispatch.

MURDERS IN IRELAND.

The widow of Michael Gleeson, of Magowry, in the county of Tipperary, has been murdered, under shocking circumstances. Suspicion has fallen on her brother-in-law, William Gleeson, who lived with her, and who is said to be of weak mind. He has accordingly been arrested.

An inquest was opened last Monday at Clogher on the bodies of two men who were shot in an affray at Ballaghagederin on Saturday. The collision originated in an attack made by a mob upon a few constables who were escorting a process-server along a road. The mob knocked Constable Armstrong down and stoned him as he lay upon the ground. Six persons are known to have been injured by the buck-shot fired by the police, besides the two men killed; and it is reported that thirty persons in all were struck. A detachment of military has been sent to the spot, as much excitement prevails.

AN INCENDIARY'S REWARD.

A man named Sullivan was on Monday convicted of attempting to set fire to a shed on a wharf at West Ham, where upwards of fourteen hundred barrels of paraffin oil were stored. Mr. Justice Hawkins observed that two days before this attempt a shed on the same wharf was set on fire, and property of the value of £70,000 destroyed. He sentenced the prisoner to eight years' penal servitude.

"BEDLAM" AND BRIDEWELL ENRICHED.

The authorities of Bethlem and Bridewell Hospitals took proceedings before the Master of the Rolls on Monday, to establish their right to the interest from £400 left to the Ironmongers' Company in 1703, as an allowance for some person to read Divine service on certain days in the parish church of St. Dionis Back-church. The church has been pulled down, and the living united to that of All Hallows; but before its union the services had been discontinued, and the conditions of the bequest not having been complied with, Sir G. Jessel decided that the income reverted to the Hospitals.

THE PRINCE OF WALES AND THE CZAR.

At the investiture of the Czar with the Order of the Garter, which took place on the 28th ult. at St. Petersburg, there was an imposing ceremony, of which this official account is now given. The Prince of Wales, acting as the head of a special mission appointed for the purpose by the Queen, was supported on the occasion by the Duke of Edinburgh, the Crown Prince of Germany, and the Grand Duke of Hesse. Previous to making the investiture the Prince addressed the Czar in the following terms:—

"Sire and Illustrious Brother,—I have been especially commanded by the Queen, my august and beloved mother, to ask your Imperial Majesty to accept from her this most noble and eminent Order of the Garter. I congratulate myself that I should have been deputed as the Ambassador from the Court of England for this occasion. The Queen, in sending me to present the order to your Majesty, has desired to give your Majesty a proof of the affection and esteem which her Majesty entertains for yourself and your Imperial house, and she hoped that it will be all the more acceptable to your Majesty if I venture to recall to your Majesty's recollection that this order has been successively worn by your illustrious great uncle and grandfather, as well as by your late deeply-lamented father. It now devolves upon me to ask you to allow me to proceed with the investiture."

His Majesty the Emperor replied, expressing his gratitude at having the Order conferred upon him by the Queen, which, he said, he would value as much as his predecessors had done, and begged his Royal Highness to thank the Queen from him. His Majesty concluded by intimating his great pleasure that his Royal Highness, so near a relative, should have been chosen to invest him.

A FRENCH EXPEDITION MASSACRED IN THE SAHARA.

We hear from Algiers that four natives belonging to Colonel Hatters' mission of exploration for a trans-Sahara railway arrived at Wargla on the 28th ult. They report that the expedition has been almost completely annihilated, having been surprised by a native tribe four days' march from Hairer, south of Assinu. Colonel Hatters and nearly all the members of the mission were killed. M. Dianons and a subordinate officer named Polequin, with 163 men, escaped, but were subsequently overtaken by the Touaregs of Hogar, who declared that they had no share in the massacre. They offered the fugitives dates; but the fruit was poisoned, and after eating it M. Dianons and twenty-eight men died. M. Polequin and thirty men continued their retreat, but when about four days' march south of Missiggen they were surrounded by hostile tribes. M. Polequin sent four natives on to Wargla, and on their arrival succour was immediately dispatched to the remnant of the expedition. But little hope, however, is entertained of relieving them. The thirty survivors were surrounded, and were ill supplied with food and ammunition.

The *Journal des Débats* of Paris, alluding to the occurrences on the Tunisian frontier and the massacre of Colonel Hatters' expedition, says:—"These events show that, to uphold French influence in the regions bordering on Algeria, a spirited and energetic policy is necessary."

DIAMOND LAND IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The richest of the South African diamond-mines is that of Kimberley, which has an area of about seven acres. Its original possessor sold the estate, of which it was but a small part, for £6000, and it soon yielded to its purchasers from £20,000 to £25,000 per annum in rents.

THE KIMBERLEY MINE

contains about 400 claims, which four years ago were worth three quarters of a million sterling. In August last, according to Mr. Murray, they could not be purchased for three and a half millions. There is no means of accurately ascertaining the value of the diamond production of South Africa, but the importance of the new industry may be gathered from the fact that the value of the diamonds sent through the Post Office in 1879 amounted to £3,685,000. Since the finding of the "Star of South Africa" much larger diamonds have turned up, notably one found in 1872, weighing 288½ carats, from which it is believed that a brilliant weighing half as much again as

THE KOH-I-NOOR

may be cut, and the still larger one found by Mr. Rhodes, recently exhibited to the Queen. Unfortunately, the diamonds of South Africa are not all of purest water, the majority of them being straw-tinted, and therefore of considerably less value than colourless specimens.

Those diamond discoveries are having an enormous influence in the

DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA,

which, previous to 1870, was in a decidedly languishing condition. Proof of this is seen in the fact that the import duties for Cape Colony, which in 1869 were under two millions sterling, had risen in 1879 to more than seven millions.

GRIQUALAND WEST,

in which the principal diamond-fields are, now contains several important towns, and a large and enterprising population, rich enough, in the case of Kimberley, to bring their water supply from a distance of fourteen miles.

Mr. Bradlaugh's Liability under the statute on which judgment has gone against him is nearly £200,000.

Mr. Edward Lloyd, proprietor of the *Daily Chronicle* and *Lloyd's News*, has been elected a member of the Reform Club.

The Annual Banquet of the Institute of Civil Engineers was held on Saturday, Mr. Abernethy presiding. Among the guests were Lord Kimberley, Lord Derby, Mr. J. Russell Lowell, American Minister, Lord John Manners, and the Lord Mayor.

The Will of Mr. John Thomas Dicks, late of 313, Strand, printer and publisher, was proved on the 5th ult., the personal estate being sworn under £90,000. Mr. Dicks was one of the most active and successful circulators of cheap editions of Shakspeare and Byron.

Have it in Your Houses. — Lamplough's Pyretic Saline.—The cure in smallpox, Fevers, Skin Diseases, of Bilious Sickness. Sold by Chemists, and the only Maker, H. Lamplough, 113, Holborn-hill, London, E.C.—[Advt.]

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What Everybody Wants to Know.—A gentleman writes:—"Since I have used Eno's Fruit Salt night and morning my headaches, &c., have quite left me; and this is after suffering for above twenty years. You should make this fact well known." Eno's Fruit Salt or Fruit Saline (prepared from sound ripe fruit). It is a pleasant beverage—sparkling, cooling, refreshing, and invigorating; it keeps the blood pure and prevents bilious attacks by natural means. Sold by all Chemists. Price 2s. 9d. and 4s. 6d. Beware of unprincipled worthless imitations.—[Advt.]

Sports and Pastimes.



THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE JUBILEE.

Having braved the biting North-East winds, the Oxford and Cambridge crews survive to row on the Friday morning of this present week what should be the closest contest that has been witnessed since 1877, when (as No. 1 of the *Boys' Illustrated News* seasonably reminds us) the first Dead-Heat in the history of this popular race took place. As the tide serves about breakfast-time, spectators will do well to

START EARLY FOR THE RIVERSIDE.

Eight o'clock in the morning would not be too soon for old stagers who delight in "all the fun of the fair" on the banks of the Thames to reach their stations at Putney, Hammersmith, Chiswick, Barnes, or Mortlake. Why the night of the Boat-Race in lieu of the eve of the struggle of the Blues was not pitched upon for the Jubilee dinner of the Old Blues is one of those things "no fellow can understand." However, the oldsters having decided to dine by themselves on the Thursday night—didn't they want the youngsters to endure the infliction of their mellow post-prandial jokes and well-worn stories?—on the morning of the race, have the further privilege of seeing the contest from a special boat. It is to be hoped that they will escape the persecution suffered by the loyal charterer of the extra boat which carried the Prince of Wales a few years ago. Which said, now to business.

"PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT."

"Hard as nails" must both crews be by this time—if they're not troubled with lumbago, bronchitis, rheumatism, and sciatica. They have shown accustomed hardihood in facing Winter's icy blasts, to begin with, in sticking unflinchingly to their training in the foulest weather, and in finally cheerfully putting out in the teeth of Arctic "nor'-easters" to fit themselves for the supreme encounter of Friday. It is a well-known saying, in connection with the University boat-race, that "the favourite always wins." This is to a great extent true; but in such cases the winners have generally been more than ordinary favourites. They have, as a rule, been very strong favourites; and when odds of [illegible] have been offered on one of the crews three or four days before the race, that crew has almost invariably been successful. But when, at the same period, odds of only [illegible] to four are forthcoming, with plenty of people willing to accept that price, it is a different matter, and in such circumstances it is impossible to say that the race can be the "certainty" which it otherwise would be. This is the state of affairs at the present time. The Dark Blues, we know, succeeded a week exactly before the race in rowing from the Aqueduct to the Ship in faster time than their opponents, although the difference between the respective times of the two boats was very slight. Oxford, it seems, accomplished this feat under circumstances slightly more favourable than those afforded to the Light Blues, and, assuming this to be correct, it is impossible to come to any other conclusion but that, so far as the time test is applicable, there is very little difference between the two boats. The names and latest weights are:—

OXFORD.

	st.	lb.
R. H. J. Poole, Brasenose (bow)	10	9
2. R. A. Pinckney, Exeter	11	3
3. A. R. Paterson, Trinity	12	6
4. E. Buck, Hertford	11	12
5. R. S. Kindersley, Exeter	13	[illegible]
6. D. E. Brown, Hertford	12	[illegible]
7. J. H. T. Wharton, Magdalen	11	1[illegible]
L. R. West, Christ Church (stroke)	11	9
E. Lyon, Hertford (cox.)	6	12

CAMBRIDGE.

	st.	lb.
R. C. Gridley, Third Trinity (bow)	10	12
2. H. Sandford, L.M.B.C.	11	11½
3. J. A. Watson-Taylor, Magdalene	12	4½
4. P. W. Atkin, Jesus	12	0½
5. E. Lambert, Pembroke	12	7
6. M. Hutchinson, Jesus	12	0
7. C. W. Moore, Christ's	11	10
E. C. Brooksbank, Trinity Hall (stroke)	11	[illegible]
H. Woodhouse, Trinity Hall (cox.)	7	4

WARNING FOR BOAT-RACE DAY.

While the tide was at its height in the river last Saturday afternoon the north-east wind raised waves of considerable height, rendering the use of the outrigged and small rowing-boats extremely dangerous. This was especially the case in the broad and exposed reach beyond Hammersmith. Several trial-heats of different boating clubs were being rowed. The Chiswick watermen begged the occupants of pleasure skiffs near Thorneycroft's to come ashore, as their craft could not be expected to live in such a fresh-water sea. The occupants of one of these skiffs ridiculed the watermen, but in endeavouring to cross to the Surrey shore were capsized, one of them, Mr. Frank Spurrell, of 50, Gilbert-road, Kennington Park-road, being drowned. The other occupants were rescued in a half-drowned state by Choat and other Chiswick watermen. The Tennyson starting-boat contained a Miss Rihll, residing at Kew, who was to be married in June, and who declined to accompany her lover, who occupied a skiff, she thinking she would be safe in the larger boat. She was unfortunately drowned, while her intended husband escaped. The other occupants of the larger boat were rescued by the watermen and a screw-launch from Putney, but they were in a most exhausted condition. The Grove House eight, which was fully manned, sank to the bottom, and the following occupants (assistants of Messrs. Spencer, Turner, and Boldero) were drowned:—Mr. W. Griffiths, of Pwllheli, North Wales, age twenty-six; Mr. G. Wise, Wigton, Cumberland, age twenty-five; Mr. J. O. Braund, of Somersetshire, age twenty-five; and Mr. W. Price, of Brecon, age twenty-three. Messrs. Wynn, Bass, Fuller, and Laing—the latter being the secretary of the club—escaped, as did also the coxswain, a brother of the Mr. Griffiths who was drowned. Cries for help were heard about half-past eight, and the river was dragged all Sunday for the bodies of other persons believed to have perished. The bodies recovered (three of them in rowing costumes), together with a young gentleman in ordinary dress, lay last Sunday in the mortuary at Chiswick, where they were examined by a large number of persons. The Coroner said that he thought there could be no doubt as to the cause of death being accidental. As the evidence went on the Jury would have seen that the two cases were quite distinct. It might be a question whether those who let out boats should not warn the public as to the danger they ran in going out in such weather. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death from Drowning.

It is a miracle a similarly deplorable series of accidents does not happen every Boat-Race day on the Thames.

CHAMPIONSHIP AND INTER-UNIVERSITY COMPETITIONS.

The following are the dates and places at which the rest of these annual competitions have taken or will take place:—

Wednesday, April 6.—Oxford and Cambridge Chess-Match, at 20, King-street, St. James's.

Thursday, April 7.—Oxford and Cambridge Athletic Sports, at Lillie-bridge.

Friday, April 8.—Amateur Boxing Championships, at Lillie-bridge.

Tuesday, April 12.—Oxford and Cambridge Four-handed Racquet-Match, at Prince's Court, Hans-place.

Wednesday, April 13.—Oxford and Cambridge Single-handed Racquet-Match, at Prince's Court, Hans-place.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 25, 26, 27.—Public Schools' Challenge Cup Racquet-Matches, at Prince's Court, Hans-place.

The competitions for the Queensberry Boxing Challenge Cups, 25 guineas, 30 guineas, 35 guineas (light, not exceeding 10 st.; middle, not exceeding 11 st. 4 lb.; and heavy, any weight) will take place at Lillie-bridge, in a 24 ft. ring in the open air, under the management of the A.A.C., on Saturday, April 9.

The Amateur Boxing Championship will be fought out in St. James's Hall, on Tuesday, April 12, under the auspices of all the crack amateur boxers of the present day. George H. Vize, the erudite Numismatographer, ought to design the prize medal for the visitors. Vize's collection of Coins is an excellent one. His numismatic poems, too, are capital.

The first meeting of the London Athletic Club for the season of 1881 must be chronicled a great success, both as regards attendance and sport, the spectators numbering close upon 4000, whilst the racing was good throughout. The best performance of the afternoon was that of G. M. Nehan, in the Seven Miles Running Handicap, which he won in the splendid time (considering the cruel wind) of 37 min. 38 4-5 sec., thus beating the previous best record for the distance, 37 min. 43 sec., made by J. Gibb on the occasion of his running for the Ten Mile Challenge Cup. The scratch man, G. A. Dunning, also ran in capital form, covering the distance in 37 min. 44 3-5 sec., but he seemed unable to act against the wind, which was blowing very strong all through the journey, or he would probably have shown a grand performance. The arrangements carried out by the Brothers Waddell were, as usual, all that could be desired. Messrs. P. J. Burt, C. H. Mason, and J. Waddell, judged the running; Messrs. R. H. Nunn, H. Venn, jun., and W. Waddell performed the disagreeable duty of acting as referees for the walking, while Mr. J. [illegible] handled the pistol in his usual efficient manner. The official times were taken by Bob Rogers. During the afternoon the band of the 11th Hussars added to the enjoyment by playing a nice selection of music. The prizes were presented by Mr. W. Waddell. The second spring meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, April 30, when several of the challenge cups will be competed for.

Captain Webb, replying to Willie Beckwith's challenge, is willing to swim him a week for £200 a side. The gallant Channel swimmer is also ready to pit himself against that limpet of an opponent, young George Fearn.

Football dies hard. On that breezy afternoon of Saturday last, teams representing the Stock Exchange and Commerce did battle at Putney; but the kicking and "dribbling" match was drawn. This (Saturday) afternoon the final tie for the cup (between Old Etonians and Carthusians) will be played at Kennington Oval, commencing at 3.30 p.m. The elevens will be:—

Old Etonians: J. P. Rawlinson (goal), Hon. A. F. Kinnaird (captain) and T. H. French (backs), C. W. Foley and B. Farrer (half-backs), H. Whitfeld and P. C. Novelli (left side), R. H. Macaulay and H. E. Goodhart (centres), A. J. Anderson and C. J. Clerke (right side).

Old Carthusians: L. F. Gellett (goal), E. C. Colvin and W. H. Norris (backs), J. Vintcent and J. F. Prinsep (half-backs), E. H. Parry (captain) and A. J. Tod (left side), E. G. Wynyard and W. J. Page (centres), L. M. Richards and W. R. Hansell (right side).

Fine weather all over the country caused the opening day of the fashionable Midland Counties gathering at Northampton on Monday to be successful. Archer gave his followers a turn by winning the small affair that opened the ball, but there were three nearly equal favourites at the start, and backers did not fare well over the Althorp Park Stakes, there being five different favourites, while Isabel always had the decided call. The least fancied of the other four was Comely, who is trained by Arnull at Newmarket. The Buccleugh Cup produced an apparently fine race, but Mowerina won with plenty to spare, and brought the one she had been tried with for the Earl Spencer Plate, Eastern Empress, well to the front in the betting, which was very spirited until the hoisting of the eighteen numbers. The Spencer Plate produced an exciting race. At the distance Œnone, having all the best of it from the stand, won by half a length from Eastern Empress and Golden Eye, who ran a dead-heat for second place. Durham saw some smart racing on Monday and Tuesday.

City and Suburban proceedings on Monday at Tattersall's were entirely unimportant, the only change being that as little as 1000 to 30 was booked to Voluptuary. For the Guineas 450 to 100 was noted on behalf of Scobell, while 1000 to 65 was booked to Iroquois; and for the Boat-Race the odds on Oxford were increased to 2 to 1. Closing prices:—

EARL SPENCER'S PLATE.

9 to 2 agst Œnone (t) | 9 to 1 agst St. Augustine (t & o)

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

100 to 6 agst Bonnie Marden (t & o) | 25 to 1 agst Henry George (t & o)
26 to 1 —— Ambassadress (t) | 33 to 1 —— Voluptuary (t & o)

TWO THOUSAND.

9 to 2 agst Scobell (t & o) | 1000 to 65 agst Iroquois (t)

DERBY.

20 to 1 agst Perigrine (t & o) | 50 to 1 agst Iroquois (t)

ATHLETIC FIXTURES.

April 8—Hon. Artillery Company A.C., Assault at Arms, Artillery Ground, Finsbury.
" 9—Highgate Harriers, Five Miles Steeplechase (open).
" 9—Clapton Beagles, Ordinary Run, Clapton.
" 9—South London Harriers, Ten Miles Challenge Cup.
" 9—Finchley Harriers, Amalgamated Run with Clapton Beagles.

Chit-Chat.

The Queen has appointed General Sir William Fenwick Williams, Bart., G.C.B., to the office of Constable of the Tower.

The Duke of Connaught will command the First Division of the attacking force at the Easter Monday Volunteer Review.

The Queen has appointed Sir Richard Malins as a member of the Privy Council, on his retirement from the Vice-Chancellorship.

The Emperors of Austria, Germany, and Russia will probably meet at Ems or some other German watering-place during the approaching summer.

The Empress of Austria has taken Thomastown Castle, between Cashel and Tipperary, the residence of the late Comte de Jarnac, as a hunting-lodge for next year, and a sum of £5000 is to be expended shortly on the house and grounds.

Mr. Gladstone is to be invited to a banquet of the Fishmonger's Company on the 27th inst.

The Countess of Rosebery and Mrs. Gladstone occupied seats in the Ladies' Gallery during the delivery of Mr. Gladstone's Budget speech.

Mr. Parnell will go to Ireland in the end of the week, and on Sunday will address his constituents at Cork on the provisions of the Irish Land Bill.

Earl Granville has been kept to his residence from a slight bronchial attack.

General Grant sailed from Galveston for Vera Cruz on Saturday, in order to inspect the route of the Southern Mexican Railway from the city of Mexico to Tehuantepec.

Prince Bismarck attained his sixty-sixth birthday on April 1; but is no fool!

Prince Bismarck made a speech in the German Parliament on Saturday in favour of the bill for insuring workmen against accidents.

Prince Leopold, K.G., presided on Saturday at a second meeting of the Committee for promoting the proposed Special Loan Exhibition of Spanish and Portuguese Ornamental Art, held at the South Kensington Museum.

Princess Louise and Princess Maud of Wales, attended by Mdlle. Vauthier and the Rev. T. Teignmouth Shore, visited St. Paul's Cathedral on April 1, when Bishop Claughton, one of the canons, received the Royal party, and showed them the various objects of interest in the cathedral.

The Centenary of the Birth of George Stephenson is to be celebrated in more ways than one in his own town of Newcastle-on-Tyne. It is probable that one outcome of the movement will be a suitable building—a Stephenson College, in fact—in which to house the successful, but so far homeless, College of Physical Science in connection with the University of Durham.

Her Majesty's Staghounds.—On Friday the Great Western Railway will run a special train to Twyford at 10.20, for gentlemen hunting with these hounds; the South-Western Company being unable to put on a special to Wokingham in consequence of their extra traffic for the Boat-Race.

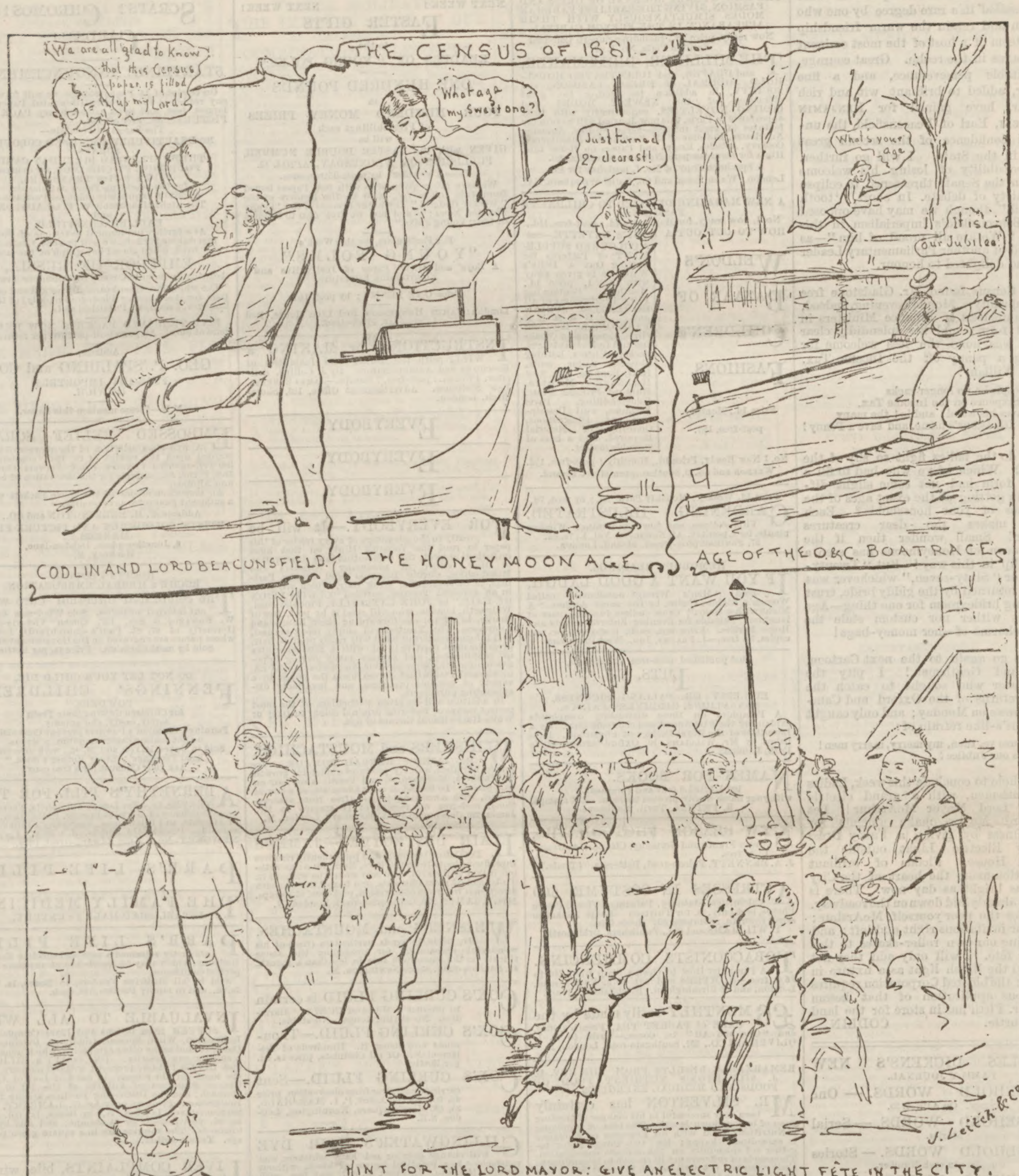
The City Budget.—The *Citizen* states that the Chamberlain, in estimating the receipts and expenditure of the Corporation for the current year, has put down £38,500 as the probable deficiency.



THE TRANSVAAL: POTCHEFSTROOM IN TIME OF PEACE.



THE NEW BOW-STREET POLICE-COURT, OPENED LAST MONDAY.





LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

Which shall we call it—"Census" or "Incense us?" Depends on the point of view! Individual appreciation or nonappreciation of the Census on Monday was affected a great deal by L. S. D.—

L. S. D.! L. S. D.!
That 's the thing for you and me!

But not altogether! Mr. Tattleton Whippersnap, of the Queen's Head Office, living within an ace of his means in Pill-street, Mayfair, may have been pardoned for envying the riches of his Lordly neighbour, as he ruefully filled in the names of his ever-increasing olive-branches, and thought with anything but cheerfulness of "the enemy at the gate" in the persons of the butcher, the baker, and overcoat maker. Yet, could he have peeped inside the Princely abode of the Earl of many acres, I would not mind wagering he would have found the "noble Lord"—down with an attack of bronchitis brought on by what Mr. James Russell Lowell calls the "ethereal mildness of an English spring"—would have found the "noble Lord," I say, coveting the good health of Mr. Tattleton Whippersnap. There you are, don't you know!

A hush pervaded another Mayfair street on Monday. The Enumerator may well have paused on the threshold of that old house in Curzon-street, from the ironwork of which still projects the obsolete iron extinguisher for the torches carried in the olden times when London, so far from dreaming of the Electric Light, knew not Gas. It was the dwelling of Lord Beaconsfield.

We were all glad to learn the illustrious name of Lord Beaconsfield had been included in the Census—weren't we? Anxiety continued to be felt with regard to his condition. But political foes and political friends alike earnestly hoped that his native pluck would yet pull him through. No one has condemned Lord Beaconsfield's policy more steadfastly than I have—but it has always been in a Pickwickian sense, I assure ye. Dropping the politician, let us do justice to the MAN! High and noble,

generous and honourable qualities must be possessed in a rare degree by one who can win and retain the warm friendship and esteem of a host of the most eminent personages in the realm. Great courage, indomitable perseverance, and a fine temper, added to brilliant wit and rich humour, have gained for BENJAMIN DISRAELI, Earl of Beaconsfield, the unstinted confidence of the second great Party in the State. I will go further. The possibility of losing his welcome voice in the Senate threatened to eclipse the gaiety of debate. In short, "tooth and nail," though we may have opposed Lord Beaconsfield's Imperialism in this Show, "We are all proud of him"—as was said of another Parliamentary Leader England delighted to honour.

The Census found Mr. Gladstone free from infirmity. Monday evening, indeed, saw the greatest of Finance Ministers in his old form; and his splendidly clear speech was none the less welcome for striking a penny off the Income Tax. Bravo, William!

The People he no longer racks
With Sixpence on the Income Tax.
He waves his wand; and lo! the many
Praise Gladstone's name, and save a Penny!

Why do the ladies fight so shy of the Census? Which of ye who had to fill a Census form had not some slight difficulty in getting at the exact ages of the fair ones of your households? Each decade makes the dear creatures younger! Small wonder then if the Honeymoon of Honeymoons has seen a venial slip in this way! But "Twenty-seven" or "Sixty-seven," whichever was the age returned by the giddy bride, trust the loving bridegroom for one thing—Age will not wither nor custom stale the infinite charms of—her money-bags!

On we go again to the next Cartoon, Ladies and Gentlemen! I pity the Enumerator who sought to catch the Census returns of the Oxford and Cambridge crews on Monday; and only caught the Evans's-like refrain of:

Uprouse ye, then, my merry, merry men!
It is our Jubilee!

The whole to conclude this week, Ladies and Gentlemen, with a grand electric hint to Lord Mayor McArthur! Let the Lord Mayor make amends for niggardliness by giving a Fancy Dress Ball by Electric Light outside the Mansion House. Floods of brilliant illumination make the heart of the City almost as bright as day now. There is asphalte already laid down on the roadway. Look after the poor yourself, McArthur; issue your invitations right and left; and we'll bring our own roller-skates to this open-air fête. I will only add they not only need the Brush light as a fixture in the City: the bloated Corporation requires a vigorous application of that besom which Mr. Firth has in store for the land of the Turtle. CODLIN.

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